

Serial No. 09/910,510

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The Examiner required applicants to elect one of Inventions I through VI identified by the Examiner for examination under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner asserted that the identified inventions are distinct. Although applicants disagree with the Examiner's position, as required by the Examiner, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Invention I represented by claims 1-5 to be examined.

Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 6-25. In addition, applicants have added claims 26-44, which are directed to various aspects of the claimed invention.

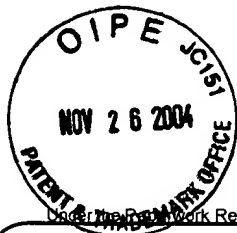
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